

**Vision Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2001
Embassy Suites
150 Anza Boulevard
Burlingame, California
4 – 7pm**

I. Introductions

Members Present: Bob Eisenman, Art Lathrop, Tim Sturgill, Michael Frenn, and Steve Maiero.

Others Present: Steve Andriese, Maureen McNeil, and Miranda Swanson.

The minutes from the last meeting on September 25 were approved with several changes.

II. Letter from Vision Group D: System Evaluation and Improvement

?? There was a question regarding the existence of data elements for Funding. The System Evaluation and Improvement committee requested elements for Funding for the statewide data set.

Suggestions:

1. (Art Lathrop) Add up component cost per annum, and then the number of calls in an effort to gain cost data.
2. (Steve Maiero) Differential and marginal costs.
3. It is not clear whether this lends itself by biannual collection method.
4. It was proposed that there be a special study or studies at the local level (CAA) to determine what percentage of the time money is being made.

?? The group debated the nature of cost.

?? If the committee wants to include elements in the data set, they need to be submitted immediately.

?? An alternative to a data collections system may be special focal studies.

III. Identify data elements that would assist in evaluating the cost of EMS services.

?? The committee discussed and identified several data elements to evaluate the cost of EMS services.

1. Payer mix
2. Charge
3. Collection rate (?)

?? Steve Maiero is drafting a letter to Steve Andriese regarding the data elements for Funding.

- ?? Are there some measurable QI indicators that could be developed in conjunction with the data elements?

IV. White Paper Draft “Components”

- ?? The History section of the White Paper should include other components of the system besides the ambulance perspective, such as: hospitals, physicians, first responders, and dispatch.
- ?? At the end of the document, there will be a Funding Option Analysis and Recommendation.
- ?? Several other comments and changes were discussed and reviewed.
- ?? Tim Sturgill will bring a revised draft based upon sections revised by the group, to the next meeting for further comments.

V. Next Meeting

The group will be polled via e-mail to determine the date/location for the next meeting.